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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, McNamara, Kennedy, Newberry, Shallcross
Smith, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Diaz, and Ajello

Date Introduced: May 13, 2026

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-1.7-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-1.7 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Program to Address Alzheimer's Disease" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-1.7-5. Medical professional training.**

4 (a) All physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 37 of title 5, ~~and~~ nurses licensed pursuant
5 to chapter 34 of title 5, ~~shall, no later than October 1, 2023, complete a one-time course of training~~
6 ~~consisting of~~ and physician assistants licensed pursuant to chapter 54 of title 5, shall complete a
7 minimum of one hour of instruction every other renewal cycle on the diagnosis, treatment, and care
8 of patients with cognitive impairments including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease and
9 related disorders. Individuals providing care solely in pediatrics, radiology, and pathology may be
10 exempt from the provisions of the required medical professional training through rules promulgated
11 by the department.

12 (b) The department of health shall promulgate rules to implement the training requirement
13 of subsection (a).

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would amend the current law to include all licensed physician assistants along
2 with licensed physicians and nurses who are required, each license renewal period, to complete a
3 minimum of one hour of instruction on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with cognitive
4 impairments including, Alzheimer's disease.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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